

Community Needs Assessment

Primary Data

Smith County Community Health Assessment Survey

The Community Health Assessment Survey provides a profile of perceived health care needs and problems facing the community. Its purpose is to obtain subjective data from a cross section of the health care services, problems and needs in the county. The survey includes questions about the health and social problems affecting the community as well as the availability, adequacy, accessibility and level of satisfaction of health care service in the community. The community survey is not a scientific random sample of the community, however it does represent a cross section of the community, i. e. young families, single parents, the elderly, farmers, business leaders, rural residents, etc. The community development staff distributed the Community Health Assessment Survey to the health council members, who then circulated the surveys throughout the community. Results of the survey were tabulated and analyzed using the “Epi Info” computer software. The community development staff presented the final results and analysis of the survey to the county health council. The following list identifies the perceived problems facing the Smith County community based on the survey results.

		Top Ten Issues Highlighted
Smoking	62%	
High Blood Pressure	50%	
Heart Conditions	46%	
Stress	46%	
Arthritis	45%	
Adult Alcohol Abuse	44%	
Teen Alcohol Abuse	43%	
Obesity	42%	
Teen Pregnancy	39%	
Smokeless Tobacco	37%	
Adult Drug Abuse	35%	
Other Cancers	32%	
Breast Cancer	28%	
Depression	28%	
Lung Cancer	28%	
Pneumonia	26%	
Lack of Sex Education	26%	
Domestic Violence	26%	
Child Abuse/Neglect	25%	
Crime	22%	
Motor Vehicle Deaths	21%	